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SUBJECT: BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED TO EXCHANGE NOTES WITH GOJ IMPLEMENT-
ING BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATION AGREEMENT AS AGREED UPON
DURING CONSULTATIONS IN JAMAICA APRIL 14-15, 1976.

2. WHEN EXCHANGE COMPLETED, PLEASE NOTIFY DEPT. TELEGRAPH-
ICALLY AND POUCH ORIGINAL AND CERTIFIED COPY OF GOJ NOTE
AND TWO CERTIFIED COPIES OF EMBASSY NOTE TO DEPT. ATTENTION
ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR FOR TREATY AFFAIRS.

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3. TEXT OF U.S. NOTE FOLLOWS: QUOTE

EXCELLENCY:

-- I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES DONE AT GENEVA ON DECEMBER 20, 1973, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ARRANGEMENT. I ALSO REFER TO THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN JAMAICA ON APRIL 14, AND 15, 1976 CONCERNING EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM JAMAICA TO THE UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, AND IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLES 2, 4 AND 6 OF THE ARRANGEMENT, I WISH TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT RELATING TO TRADE IN TEXTILES BETWEEN JAMAICA AND THE UNITED STATES.

-- 1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA MAY AT ANY TIME REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE OTHER REGARDING THEIR MUTUAL TRADE IN COTTON, WOOL, AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILE PRODUCTS.

-- 2. EACH GOVERNMENT AGREES TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO REQUESTS FOR CONSULTATIONS AND TO PARTICIPATE IN AND CONCLUDE SUCH CONSULTATIONS WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE REQUEST, UNLESS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE OTHERWISE.

-- 3. IN THE EVENT OF CONSULTATIONS THE U.S. WILL RECOGNIZE JAMAICA'S POSITION AS A TRADITIONAL SUPPLIER OF TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO THE U.S. MARKET, AND IN ADDITION, WILL UNDERTAKE TO SEEK MEASURES WHICH WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ARRANGEMENT AND WHICH WILL ENABLE THE JAMAICAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY TO IMPLEMENT ITS PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN A MANNER THAT DOES NOT CAUSE OR THREATEN TO CAUSE MARKET DISRUPTION.

-- 4. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSIDERS THAT IMPORTS FROM JAMAICA IN ANY OF THE COTTON OR MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES CATEGORIES IN ANNEX A OF THIS AGREEMENT ARE INCREASING SO AS TO CAUSE A RISK IN THE UNITED STATES OF MARKET DISRUPTION, BEARING IN MIND ANNEX A OF THE ARRANGEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA.

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STATES OF AMERICA MAY REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA.

-- 5. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REQUESTS SUCH CONSULTATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA SHALL MEET PROMPTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. THE CONSULTATIONS SHALL BE CONCLUDED WITHIN SIXTY DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE REQUEST FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS UNLESS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREE OTHERWISE.

-- 6. DURING THE COURSE OF CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA WILL

LIMIT ITS EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE CATEGORY OR CATEGORIES AFFECTED TO A MONTHLY RATE EQUIVALENT TO 120 PERCENT OF THE AVERAGE MONTHLY RATE OF THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS.

-- 7. CONSULTATIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 WILL NOT BE REQUESTED FOR ANY NON-APPAREL CATEGORY WHEN IMPORTS FROM JAMAICA IN SUCH CATEGORY ARE AT ANNUAL LEVELS LESS THAN 1,000,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT OR FOR ANY APPAREL

CATEGORY WHEN IMPORTS ARE AT ANNUAL LEVELS LESS THAN 700,000 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT.

-- 8. IF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO AGREE ON THE LEVEL OF TRADE IN A PARTICULAR CATEGORY, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA WILL DURING THE 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING THE REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS RESTRAIN ITS EXPORTS TO 120 PERCENT OF THEIR LEVEL FOR THE 12 MONTHS PRECEDING THE REQUEST.

-- 9. IN RESPECT TO WOOL TEXTILE PRODUCTS, THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA AGREES TO CONSULT WITH THE U.S. IF IT DESIRES TO EXPORT MORE THAN 100,000 SQUARE YARDS ANNUALLY IN ANY CATEGORY.

-- 10. DURING ANY CONSULTATIONS EITHER GOVERNMENT MAY REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PROVIDING QUANTITATIVE LEVELS COVERING ALL OR PART OF THEIR TEXTILE TRADE.

-- IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF YOUR NOTE OF ACCEPTANCE.

-- ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

ANNEX A

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
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1	COTTON YARN, SINGLES, CARDED, NOT ORNAMENTED, ETC.
2	COTTON YARN, PLIED, CARDED, NOT ORNAMENTED, ETC.
3	COTTON YARN, SINGLES, COMBED, NOT ORNAMENTED,

ETC.

4 COTTON YARN, PLIED, COMBED, NOT ORNAMENTED, ETC.

5 GINGHAMS, CARDED YARN

6 GINGHAMS, COMBED YARN

7 VELVETEENS

8 CORDUROY

9 SHEETING, CARDED YARN

10 SHEETING, COMBED YARN

11 LAWNS, CARDED YARN

12 LAWNS, COMBED YARN

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13 VOILES, CARDED YARN

14 VOILES, COMBED YARN

15 POPLIN AND BROADCLOTH, CARDED YARN

16 POPLIN AND BROADCLOTH, COMBED YARN

17 TYPEWRITER RIBBON CLOTH

18 PRINT CLOTH, SHIRTING TYPE, 80X80 TYPE,
CARDED YARN

19 PRINT CLOTH, SHIRTING TYPE, OTHER THAN 80X80
TYPE, CARDED YARN

20 SHIRTING, CARDED YARN

21 SHIRTING, COMBED YARN

22 TWILL AND SATEEN, CARDED YARN

23 TWILL AND SATEEN, COMBED YARN

24 YARN-DYED FABRICS, N.E.S., CARDED YARN

25 YARN-DYED FABRICS, N.E.S., COMBED YARN

26 FABRICS, N.E.S, CARDED YARN

- 27 FABRICS, N.E.S, COMBED YARN
- 28 PILLOWCASES, PLAIN, CARDED YARN
- 29 PILLOWCASES, PLAIN, COMBED YARN
- 30 DISH TOWELS
- 31 TOWELS, OTHER THAN DISH TOWELS

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- 32 HANDKERCHIEFS
- 33 TABLE DAMASKS AND MANUFACTURES
- 34 SHEETS, CARDED YARN
- 35 SHEETS, COMBED YARN
- 36 BEDSPREADS, INCLUDING QUILTS
- 37 BRAIDED AND WOVEN ELASTICS
- 38 FISHING NETS
- 39 GLOVES AND MITTENS
- 40 HOSE AND HALF HOSE
- 41 MEN'S AND BOYS' ALL WHITE T-SHIRTS, KNITS
OR CROCHETED
- 42 OTHER T-SHIRTS
- 43 KNITSHIRTS, OTHER THAN T-SHIRTS AND SWEAT-
SHIRTS (INCLUDING INFANTS)
- 44 SWEATERS AND CARDIGANS
- 45 MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRTS, DRESS, NOT KNIT OR
CROCHETED
- 46 MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRTS, SPORT, NOT KNIT
OR CROCHETED
- 47 MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRTS, WORK, NOT KNIT
OR CROCHETED
- 48 RAINCOATS, 3/4 LENGTH OR OVER

49 ALL OTHER COATS

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50 MEN'S AND BOYS' TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS,
OUTER, WHETHER OR NOT IN SETS, NOT KNIT
OR CROCHETED

51 WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S TROUSERS,
SLACKS AND SHORTS, OUTER, WHETHER OR NOT
IN SETS, NOT KNIT OR CROCHETED

52 BLOUSES, WHETHER OR NOT IN SETS

53 WOMEN'S, MISSES', CHILDREN'S AND INFANTS'
DRESSES (INCLUDING NURSES, AND OTHER UNIFORM
DRESSES), NOT KNIT OR CROCHETED

54 PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, WASHSUITS, CREEPERS, ROM-
PERS, ETC. (EXCEPT BLOUSES AND SHORTS; BLOUSES
AND TROUSERS; OR BLOUSES, SHORTS AND SKIRT
SETS)

55 DRESSING GOWNS, INCLUDING BATHROBES AND
BEACH ROBES, LOUNGING GOWNS, DUSTERS AND
HOUSECOATS, NOT KNIT OR CROCHETED

56 MEN'S AND BOYS' UNDERSHIRTS (NOT T-SHIRTS)

57 MEN'S AND BOYS' BRIEFS AND UNDERSHORTS

58 DRAWERS, SHORTS AND BRIEFS (EXCEPT MEN'S AND
BOYS' BRIEFS), KNIT OR CROCHETED

59 ALL OTHER UNDERWEAR, NOT KNIT OR CROCHETED

60 NIGHTWEAR AND PAJAMAS

61 BRASSIERES AND OTHER BODY SUPPORTING GARMENTS

62 OTHER KNITTED OR CROCHETED CLOTHING

63 OTHER CLOTHING, NOT KNIT, OR CROCHETED

64 ALL OTHER COTTON TEXTILE ITEMS

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101 WOOL TOPS AND WOOL ADVANCED

- 102 YARNS OF ANGORA RABBIT HAIR
- 10, OTHER YARNS OF WOOL AND HAIR
- 104 WOVEN FABRICS OF WOOL, INCLUDING BLANKETS
(CARRIAGE ROBES, LAB ROBES, STEAMER RUGS,
ETC.) OVER 3 YARDS IN LENGTH
- 105 BILLIARD CLOTH
- 106 BLANKETS
- 107 CARRIAGE AND AUTO ROBES, ETC., N.E.S.
- 108 TAPESTRIES AND UPHOLSTERY FABRICS
- 109 PILE AND TUFTED FABRICS
- 110 KNIT FABRICS IN THE PIECE
- 111 HOSIERY
- 112 GLOVES AND MITTENS
- 113 UNDERWEAR, KNIT
- 114 OTHER INFANTS' ARTICLES, KNIT NOT ORNAMENTED
- 115 KNIT HATS AND SIMILAR ITEMS
- 116 KNIT WEARING APPAREL, N.E.S., VALUED NOT OVER
5 DOLLARS PER POUND
- 117 KNIT WEARING APPAREL, N.E.S., VALUED OVER 5
DOLLARS PER POUND
- 118 HATS, CAPS, NOT BLOCKED
- 119 HATS, CAPS, BLOCKED; FINISHED
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- 120 MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS
- 121 MEN'S AND BOYS' OUTER COATS
- 122 WOMEN'S, MISSES', AND CHILDREN'S COATS AND SUITS
- 123 WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SEPARATE SKITTS
- 124 TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS

125 ARTICLES OF WEARING APPAREL, N.E.S.

126 LACE AND NET ARTICLES INCLUDING VEILING

128 MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF WOOL

131 BRAIDED FLOOR COVERINGS

132 WOOL FLOOR COVERINGS, N.E.S.

200 TEXTURED YARNS

201 YARN WHOLLY OF CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, CELLULOSIC

202 YARN WHOLLY OF CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OTHER

203 YARN WHOLLY OF NON-CONTINUOUS FILAMENT,
CELLULOSIC

204 YARN WHOLLY OF NON-CONTINUOUS FILAMENT, OTHER

205 YARNS, OTHER

206 WOVEN FABRICS, CELLULOSIC, WHOLLY OF
CONTINUOUS MAN-MADE FIBER

207 WOVEN FABRICS, CELLULOSIC, WHOLLY MADE
OF NON-CONTINUOUS FIBERS

208 WOVEN FABRICS, OTHER, WHOLLY OF CONTINUOUS
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MAN-MADE FIBERS

209 WOVEN FABRIC, OTHER, WHOLLY OF NON-
CONTINUOUS FIBERS

210 WOVEN FABRICS, OTHER, OF MAN-MADE FIBERS

211 KNIT FABRICS

212 PILE AND TUFTED FABRICS

213 SPECIALTY FABRICS

214 GLOVES AND MITTENS, KNIT, WHETHER OR NOT
ORNAMENTED

215 HOSIERY

216 DRESSES, KNIT

217 PAJAMAS AND OTHER NIGHTWEAR, KNIT

218 T-SHIRTS, KNIT

219 SHIRTS, OTHER (INCLUDING BLOUSES),KNIT

220 SKIRTS, KNIT

221 SWEATERS AND CARDIGANS, KNIT

222 TROUSERS, SLACKS, AND SHORTS, KNIT, WOMEN'S,
GIRLS' AND INFANTS'

223 UNDERWEAR, KNIT

224 OTHER WEARING APPAREL, KNIT WHETHER OR NOT
ORNAMENTED

225 BODY-SUPPORTING GARMENTS

226 HANDKERCHIEFS
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227 MUFFLERS, SCARVES AND SHAWLS, NOT KNIT

228 BLOUSES, NOT KNIT

229 COATS, NOT KNIT

230 DRESSES, NOT KNIT

231 DRESSING GOWNS, INCLUDING BATHROBES, AND
BEACHROBES, NOT KNIT

232 PAJAMAS AND OTHER NIGHTWEAR, NOT KNIT

233 PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, WASHSUITS, ETC., NOT
KNIT

234 DRESS SHIRTS, NOT KNIT

235 SHIRTS, OTHER, NOT KNIT

236 SKIRTS, NOT KNIT

237 SUITS, NOT KNIT

238 TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS, NOT KNIT

- 239 UNDERWEAR, NOT KNIT
- 240 OTHER WEARING APPAREL, NOT KNIT, WHETHER
OR NOT ORNAMENTED
- 241 FLOOR COVERINGS
- 242 OTHER FURNISHINGS
- 243 MANUFACTURES, N.E.S., OF MAN-MADE FIBER

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